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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary

Docket No. DOT-OST-2015-0112

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on June 3, 2015, in the Federal Register (80 FRN, page(s) 31643-31644). No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [30 days from publication date in Federal Register in the Federal Register 2015-13488.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Shields, Associate Director of the Financial Assistance Policy and Oversight Division, M-65, Office of the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Secretary, Room W83-, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4268.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0520

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection(s):

Abstract: This is to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) renewed three-year approved clearance for the information collection, entitled, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" OMB Control No 2105-0520. Originally this OMB Control Number was titled: Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements to State and Local Governments and with Institution of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations (OMB Circulars A-110 and 2 CFR 215). However, on December 26, 2014, OMB issued new guidelines titled: Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and these guidelines cover the following data collection standard forms (SF): Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424); Federal Financial Report (SF-425); Request for Advance or Reimbursement (SF-270); and Outlay Report & Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs (SF-271).

There have also been adjustments to the burden estimates. In 2010, the Department estimated a combined total of 2,704 respondents and 189,280 burden hours. Due to a 35% decrease in appropriations, the Department has revised estimates and now has a combined total of 1,758 respondents and burden hours of 123,060. The estimated cost to respondents and the federal government has decreased by 35% in overhead expenses.

Affected Public: Grantees

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,758

Estimated Number of Responses: 7,030

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 123,060

Frequency of Collection: Quarterly and Yearly

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1:48.

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